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REF OTTAWA A-177, MARCH 21

1. INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER GILLESPIE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 5 THAT RESTRAINTS ARE BEING ARRANGED ON IMPORTS OF MEN'S FINE SUITS FROM KOREA ON THE BASIS OF MARCH 26 INTERIM REPORT OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD TABLED IN COMMONS ON MAY 5. INTERIM REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

2. OTHER ACTIONS ANNOUNCED BY MINISTER GILLESPIE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. IMPORTS OF FINE SUITS FROM TAIWAN, HONG KONG, ROMANIA AND POLAND ARE TO BE MONITORED THROUGH USE OF IMPORT CONTROL LIST (ICL).

B. IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES OF WORSTED ACRYLIC YARN FOR MACHINE KNITTING, AND DOUBLE KNIT AND WARP-KNIT FABRICS, ARE ALSO TO BE MONITORED THROUGH USE OF ICL TO INSURE THAT IMPORTS DO NOT EXCEED LEVELS STIPULATED IN TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

C. IMPORTS OF NYLON FILAMENT FABRICS FROM TAIWAN ARE PLACED ON ICL TO FACILITATE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S RECENT
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VOLUNTARY UNDERTAKING TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS

TO AVOID DISRUPTING THE CANADIAN MARKET.

3. IN STATEMENT, MINISTER GILLESPIE STATED THAT "FULL USE WILL BE MADE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS ACT TO ENCOURAGE STABILITY ON THE TEXTILE MARKETS. BY PLACING ON THE IMPORT CONTROL LIST PRODUCTS WHICH ARE VULNERABLE TO COMPETITION FROM LOW-PRICED IMPORTS, ADVANCE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON RATES OF IMPORTATION THAT WILL INDICATE WHAT FURTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED". THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED ON MAY 5, HE SAID, ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE NATIONAL TEXTILE POLICY IMPLEMENTED SINCE 1970, NAMELY, "TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFICIENT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WHICH IS INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE ON A NORMAL BASIS. WHERE THIS OBJECTIVE IS JOEPARDIZED BY INJURIOUS IMPORTS, SPECIAL MEASURES OF PROTECTION ARE INTRODUCED."

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